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Laura Broad – special stage

## Laura's poised to take the stage – once the landlords have built it

THE stage is set for a Kidderminster singer-songwriter to perform in the town on Saturday.

Laura Broad went down so well in her last appearance at The Cricketer's Arms that landlords Ben and Sheena Geddes are building a stage on the bowling green at the Lorne Street venue for her return.

Laura, aged 25, was part of the Channel Five supergroup which sang every week on the six-week Glee-style show Don't Stop Believing hosted by former Spice Girl Emma Bunton.

And last December she was invited to fly to America, joining other artists at the French Embassy in Washington DC to give a special live performance of

their successful YouTube collaboration We Are The World.

She ended 2010 by becoming BBC Radio Hereford & Worcester's Artist Of The Year.

Ben said: "Laura appeared at the pub earlier this year and she went down an absolute storm."

"She created a fantastic atmosphere with her vivacious personality and loads of our punters have asked us to bring her back."

"This time, we're having a special stage built on our bowling green so that everyone can see her. We're starting with a barbeque at 6pm and Laura will be onstage at 8pm."

Laura began singing at the age of 11

and joined several local youth music groups and school choirs. She had roles in Little Shop Of Horrors and Bugsy Malone and played the lead character Sally Bowles in Cabaret. Romantic parts followed in Guys And Dolls and Fame.

### Professional

At 18, Laura earned six months of professional experience when she was taken on to sing at Centre Pares.

While at Exeter University, she travelled to Pakistan to sing at Lahore's Basant Festival, televised live.

Leaving university in 2007, she appeared onstage with ex-Eurythmic Dave Stewart at the Tower of London

Festival before deciding to take the plunge and turn professional as a solo artist.

Laura teamed up with saxophonist Sam Paget to win Kidderminster Arts Festival's Best Busker Award. This also led to an appearance on the John Peel stage at the Glastonbury Festival.

In February 2009, Laura was the winner of Sony Music's Leona Lewis Singing Contest with her video interpretation of the X Factor winner's hit song Better In Time, beating hundreds of other entries from all over the world.

In the near future, Laura plans to release her debut solo album, recorded with a team of musicians from the Faroe Islands.

## Pub gets outdoor drinking

A PUB in Kidderminster has been given the go-ahead to put tables and chairs on the street despite complaints from traders.

A seating area with three tables and six chairs will be created in front of the Penny Black in Bull Ring.

Other traders and high-ways chiefs have argued that the move could see drunken violence spilling on to the streets and causing chaos on busy shopping days.

They claimed the area would block the path for pedestrians on the corner of two main shopping streets in the town.

But Wyre Forest District Council's Licensing and Environmental department approved the plans.

A spokesman for Wetherpoons said the firm was pleased.

He added: "All the area does is enable us to offer our customers an extra attraction."

## Rider is killed in smash

A MOTORCYCLIST was killed in a crash near Kidderminster.

The smash happened at 6pm on Tuesday, August 9 near the Lock Inn in Wolverley Road, Wolverley.

It involved a black motorbike which was in collision with a black Hyundai car.

The elderly couple in the car were not hurt but the motorcyclist was declared dead at the scene. He has been named as Anthony Kyme Wright, aged 47, of Droitwich. An inquest into his death has been opened and adjourned.

Police want to hear from witnesses and are especially keen to hear from a car driver whose vehicle was at the front of a line of traffic and who may have seen what happened.

Anyone with information can call Force Operations Support Team at Rubery 0300 333 3000.

### Rower is taken ill

MEDICAL staff helped a Stourport regatta rower who suffered a suspected heart attack in a boat.

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## RIDDLE OF THE SIGNS IS SOLVED

A BEWDLEY councillor has admitted spearheading the removal of show signs from the area but said action was taken purely "for the safety of motorists".

Town councillor Paul Gittins expressed his concerns to Wyre Forest District Council about signs advertising Trimpey's steam and vintage rally show and last weekend's Bewdley horticultural show.

Signs which were taken down were only there temporarily to promote the events.

But Councillor Gittins claims their locations on islands and traffic lights were "a severe hazard to road users".

He added: "I have been campaigning for years to stop fly posting and while I understand advertising is difficult for local groups, the positions of their signs need to be reviewed."

"As vice-chairman of the carnival committee I am familiar with how events work and I appreciate the amount of effort it takes to bring people to the town. But the safety of drivers needs to take priority."

"I am sorry all of the signs were removed but the council's enforcement team were just acting upon my concerns."

Bewdley and District Horticultural Society has since collected one sign from the Green Lane council depot but is still missing two. Diane Chater of the society said: "Any profit we have made this year will now go towards purchasing new signs."

## Mikron moves mountain in show

SOCIAL history will be brought to life in Stourport on Saturday by performers who tour on their 70-year-old narrowboat.

Mikron Theatre Company will give an open air performance at The Tontine Garden, Stourport Canal Basins (7.30pm). The venue will switch indoors at Stourport Yacht Club in the event of rain.

Mikron has been touring since 1972, spending the summers on board the narrowboat Tyseley and taking its brand of theatre, music and humour to venues along the waterways.

### Script

Mikron will perform Hell and High Water, a newly commissioned script with original music by Rebekah Hughes. The four actor/musicians play dozens of characters from the flamboyant Duke of Bridgewater through canal pioneer James Brindley to the hardy female miner, Mary.

The show, directed by Mike Lucas, is set in 1761, when three men had a vision and hundreds of others toiled to make it a reality.

In the turbulent times of the Industrial Revolution, Manchester's demand for coal was insatiable and there was an urgent need to get it there



From left, Dan Wilder, Nicola Redman, Sally Ann Staunton and Adrian Palmer of Mikron Theatre who will perform at Stourport Canal Basins

quickly and cheaply. Over rivers, under rock, through Hell and High Water, the Duke of Bridgewater, James Brindley (who also supervised the construction of Stourport Canal Basins) and John Gilbert proved that determination can move mountains.

Company founder Mike Lucas said: "This is such a special season for Mikron, being our 40th year, and it's

really great to be coming back to the subject of canals."

Parking is available at Stourport Riverside Meadows and admission to the show is free although a collection will be taken afterwards.

People are encouraged to take their own chair, blanket and picnic. No unaccompanied children are allowed.

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FOR DETAILS





Someone with the x factor



Detail from a pastoral scene



Organiser Loz Samuels in the library with exhibits

# Tunnel vision to link with arts festival



The gold standard



Cars on the move

KIDDERMINSTER Arts Festival is sweeping across the town and is already proving to be a big hit with budding artists.

The annual festival, which boasts a range of national of local arts, started last Saturday (August 13) and runs until August 27.

As part of the event urban artists will showcase Subway Deluxe – a project to transform the underpass between Comberton Hill and Worcester Street.

The team will host a free stencil workshop tomorrow (August 19) at the Boars Head Public House, on Worcester Street, from 11am until 3pm.

They will then invite their volunteers to help them in a live session down at the subway on Saturday

(August 20) from 10.30am. The workshop is suitable for anyone over the age of 16.

Loz Samuels, who has organised the event for the past six years, said: "We have had a great response so far, and the exhibition and other workshops are proving to be really popular."

## Funding

"It is great to see so many people taking an interest and getting involved and I really hope this will be our best event to date and allow us to get even more funding to make it even bigger next year."

More of the team's work can be found at Kidderminster library gallery until September 3.

For more information on any of the events over the next two weeks call Wyre Forest district council arts development on 01562 732928.



Spelling out the message

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Blood donor  
sessions set

BLOOD donor sessions are to take place in Kidderminster later this month.

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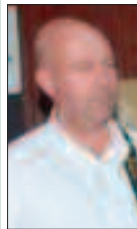
NHS Blood and Transplant recommends attendance by appointment.

Call 0300 123 23 23 to book an appointment.

## 'Wrong time, wrong place' tree tragedy

A FATHER-OF-TWO from Kinver was killed just minutes after sharing a night out with friends when his car was crushed by a falling tree brought down in strong winds, an inquest heard.

Coroner Andrew Haigh said keen musician Steve Cutler was "in the wrong place at the wrong time" when he died in the crash in February.



Steve Cutler

Mr Cutler, aged 51, was travelling back to his family home when the accident happened on the A458 Bridgnorth Road, near Stourton.

South Staffordshire coroner Mr Haigh recorded a verdict of accidental death at the August 9 inquest at Cannock Coroner's Court.

Mr Cutler, of Hillboro Rise, died as a result of head and chest injuries on February 4.

He leaves wife Alison and two sons Alex and Jack.

"It is a sad death," said Mr Haigh. "Mr Cutler was quite clearly just at the wrong place at the wrong time."

The inquest heard that Mr Cutler had left home at 7.30pm to join bandmates from The Picture at their rehearsals in Dudley.

## Junction

They had stopped off for a drink at The Lawnswood pub, in Wordsley, before setting off back home along the Bridgnorth Road.

Winds of 60mph brought down the tree by the junction with Hyde Lane at 11.30pm.

Experts found that the 140-year-old tree was dead and its roots could not support it.

## King theme for cake queen

A FORMER forensic analyst from Bewdley who swapped crime for cake made it to the finals of a national competition.

Kimberley Bennett started her business, Kimmy Loves Cake, in 2009 with a charity stall.

After causing a stir with her unique designs she left her job last year and began baking full-time.

This is the second year Kimberley has made it through to the last stage of the National Cupcake Championship, which was held in London on Monday (August 15).

Her entry was themed on Elvis and based on his favourite food peanut butter and banana sandwich.

Visit [www.kimmylovescake.co.uk](http://www.kimmylovescake.co.uk) to find out more about Kimberley's creations.



Kimberley Bennett with some of her cakes

Healthy  
day at  
library

STOURPORT Library is switching from a specialist in reading to a specialist in health and nutrition – for today only.

Free advice is being given by health trainers at the library today (August 18).

It is an opportunity for people to receive tips from NHS and health professionals.

Advice will be based on a healthy lifestyle and people can also receive a complimentary body mass index (BMI) check.

The session was running from 10am until noon.

Library manager Maureen Hobbs said: "This is a great opportunity to get more people involved with their local library but also for all types of people in the community to get free health advice."

"We look forward to welcoming the NHS professionals."

For information about the library service visit: [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/libraries) or call 01905 822722.

Homes hit by  
loss of power

NEARLY 1,000 homes across the Wyre Forest and Dudley were left without electricity due to a series of power failures.

Shortly before 11.30am last Thursday, 940 homes in the Woodside area of Dudley lost power after a sudden fault affected the network. Some 22 homes in Blackacre Road were also hit.

Faults meant 16 homes in the Laights Farm area of Harvington, near Kidderminster, were without power from 4.30pm the previous day.

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## New gem in the crown for Kings



Vice-chairman Rob Burford and chairman Bill Preece show the new plans to young AKFC players Luc Parkes, Taylor Stephens, Jemma Carolan and Morgan Jones

A WYRE FOREST football club has been given the green light for ambitious plans to replace its clubhouse.

Areyley Kings FC has seen plans for its ground on Minster Road, Stourport passed by Wyre Forest District Council.

The scheme includes new changing facilities for teams and officials, a physiotherapy room and a hospitality area.

Rob Burford, vice-chairman of the club – motto: "Football for All" – said: "The club has been working on the plans for some time and will, when completed, provide some of the best facilities at a community football club in the area."

"The hard work now begins to get the funds in place to start the project and the club is working in partnership with Plan for Sport to raise funds."

"Our football club has gone from strength to strength over the last few years providing 10 youth teams together with a mini-kickers soccer school and three adult teams."

## Legendary guitarist Crops up

ONE of rock and soul's most famous guitarists, Steve Cropper of Booker T and the MGs, will be teaming up with members of British 1960s blues band The Animals for a concert at Bilston's Robin 2 venue on Thursday, August 25.

American guitarist Cropper's contribution to popular music is immense, ranging from playing guitar on classic Stax label soul to movie soundtracks.

He also co-wrote such soul classics as Knock on Wood, In the Midnight Hour and (Sittin' On) the Dock of the Bay.

He is also featured in the Blues Brothers band in the classic movie starring John Belushi and Dan Aykroyd.

Readers of Mojo Magazine voted him the second best guitarist of all time, after Jimi Hendrix, which would make him top living guitarist.

The Animals found fame in the 1960s with House of the Rising Sun and Bring it on Home to Me. The original members featured are drummer John Steel and organist Micky Gallagher.

Tickets cost £20 on the door or £18 in advance. Call the Mount Pleasant venue on 01902 401211 or visit [www.therobin.co.uk](http://www.therobin.co.uk)

## Brintons on the runway with special carpet order

A KIDDERMINSTER carpet firm is looking for lift-off with a runway carpet to run the length of a shopping arcade.

Brintons is producing the special order, 40 metres long by two metres wide, to support the second National Wool Week in London.

The event's focal point will be an exhibition, Wool Modern, in London's La Galleria which will celebrate wool in the 21st century.

It will showcase classic wool fashion designs from the likes of Thierry Mugler and YSL as well as modern pieces by Alexander McQueen, Burberry and Vivienne Westwood.

The Brintons carpet, produced in collaboration with design house Erdem, will run the length of the arcade leading up to the venue in Pall Mall.

Brintons, a family firm set up in 1783, has produced carpets for public spaces all over the world such as hotels, cruise liners and international airports.

The firm uses the fleece from one in six British sheep to manufacture plain, pattern and natural carpets.

It also designs and builds all of its own looms as well as checking and finishing each carpet by hand.

### Testing

It found through extensive testing that the best mix is one of 80 per cent wool to 20 per cent nylon.

Design manager Kelly Butler said: "The natural springiness of wool makes it a perfect carpet choice for the family home."

"Heavy footfall areas such as hallways and staircases won't wear easily with a wool carpet and the hassle of replacing the flooring at a later date is kept to a minimum."

"Wool rich carpets also provide greater insulation, helping to reduce utility bills and keep the house warm and cosy in the winter."

Brintons is said to be in advanced talks with Carlyle, a New York-based buyout firm.

Carlyle is said to be close to taking control of the firm in exchange for taking over £18 million of bank loans.

Brintons has confirmed that it has received offers.

## Just the right type for 35 years in business



Neil Morris with an Olivetti A4, an accountancy machine sold in the 1970s

WYRE FOREST firm OGL Computer is celebrating its 35th anniversary – and looking back to its origins.

The IT support and solutions provider is one of the oldest and most established UK companies in its field.

OGL now has two sites at Stourport and Kidderminster and employs more than 180 staff.

But it was established in 1976 as a small firm with fewer than 10 employees, servicing and repairing Olivetti type-writers.

Today, OGL provides support to more than 1,000 organisations covering hardware installation, disaster recovery, business continuity, IT security, e-commerce and website development. The firm also has partnerships with world leaders including Microsoft and HP.

Operations director Neil Morris said: "It is a great achievement for OGL to be celebrating our 35th anniversary."

"Looking back at the technologies we used to sell compared to what we are able to offer now shows how technology has developed over the 35 years OGL have been trading. I look forward to where the future technologies are going to take us."

## Stroll through a jungle garden

A TWO AND A HALF acre Stourport garden, featured on BBC's Gardener's World, will open again to the public on Sunday, August 28. Astley Town House, near Stourport (DY13 0RH) owned by Tim and Lesley Smith, includes subtropical planting and winding paths of jungle garden as well as a tree top high safari lodge. The garden will be open from 1-5pm, admission £4 (accompanied children free).



## Speeding milk truck hit car and a lorry

A Dudley man who took a milk truck in Ombersley and put lives at risk as he drove it at high speed, hitting a car and a lorry, has been jailed.

Chase Edwards, of Hallchurch Road, Dudley, took the truck when the driver left it as he made a doorstep delivery. It happened in School Bank, Ombersley, Worcestershire, at about 7am on October 3 last year.

## Hedges are hit by fire

HEDGES and undergrowth were engulfed by flames after a blaze spread from a pile of wood chippings which had caught fire.

Firefighters were called to Sandy Lane, Kinver, near Stourbridge at 3.15pm on August 10 after the alarm was raised by a member of the public. A crew from Kinver was joined by officers from Kidderminster to tackle the fire, which started accidentally.

A farmer helped crews by using his tractor to spread out the 50sq ft pile of chipping allowing the firefighters to get the heart of the blaze more quickly.

## Flat bedroom is burned out

A FIRE has ripped through the bedroom of a Kidderminster flat.

Two fire crews were called to Franche Road shortly after 11.30pm on August 9 to reports of a blaze.

The man living in the flat was outside when firefighters arrived and the bedroom was fire and smoke damaged. Fire crews were unable to say at the time how the blaze started.

## Josh is all set to help build an orphanage



Josh Bentley, aged 21, who is planning to help construct an orphanage in Ghana

A BEWDLEY student has been chosen to help build an orphanage in Ghana – and is appealing for donations.

Josh Bentley, aged 21, will take part in the community project run by Birmingham City University.

He has been given a £1,500 budget for his work in the poverty-stricken village of Kwahu but wants to take clothes and mosquito nets for the children.

Mr Bentley, of Lancaster Road, Bewdley, hopes to raise as much money as possible to help the youngsters there.

He was chosen by staff on his accountability course. On September 1 he will join other volunteers from across the globe for two weeks, before returning to study for the final two years of his degree.

He said he was looking forward to using his DIY skills on the project. He added: "I'm thrilled to have been chosen – it's something I wanted to do after my course so I'm really excited. I just want to help them out as much as possible." To donate money or equipment email josh-bobbentley@hotmail.co.uk

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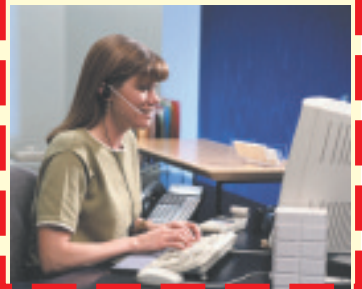


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## Wedding dress plea unveiled by charity

BRIDES in the Wyre Forest are being asked to donate their used wedding dresses to a charity to help raise funds for 2,000 people battling cancer.

St Richard's Hospice, which is based in Mealcheapen Street, Worcester, has a bridal department on the first floor and desperately needs donations from people around the region.

### Getting hitched midweek

THRIFTY couples in the West Midlands are increasingly turning to midweek marriages in a bid to save their hard-earned cash.

Wedding venues across the region are reporting an increase in the number of couples opting out of traditionally expensive Saturday ceremonies in favour of weekdays.

More than one in 10 weddings across the Black Country and Staffordshire is now held from Monday to Thursday.

Bosses at wedding venue Haden Hill House in Cradley Heath, say they have noticed a definite trend for weekday ceremonies in the last 12 months.

Development officer Alison Hyatt said: "There has been a big increase in the number of Friday weddings."

"But we have also taken several bookings on Mondays and Tuesdays too."

"It has been a very noticeable shift over the last year," she said.

It has now joined forces with Worcestershire County Council to promote the appeal.

Other items such as bridal gowns, veils, bridesmaid dresses, groom shirts, trousers, waist coats, mother of the bride outfits, hats, shoes, bags, jewellery and accessories can also be donated.

Damaged textiles are also accepted as they can be sold on to rag merchants or recycled through the hospice's new shop Déjà Vu, in Malvern, into new clothing.

Anthony Blagg, cabinet member for environment and waste management, said: "Summer is very popular for weddings and it can be guaranteed that people will have items which they no longer require."

"Instead of throwing them away, donating clothing and textiles to charity gives them a new lease of life and has positive environmental impacts."

St Richard's Hospice shop manager Ann Smith added: "So many ladies must have their wedding outfits hanging in their wardrobes, but by giving them to St Richard's they can raise money for a very good cause and make someone else's day."

For more information, call 01905 22378.

## Youngsters take step back through time



Joseph and Ben Harrison, both aged five, with father, Richard, at Hartlebury Museum. Also pictured are sisters Jessica, 10 and Amelia Bibby, six

YOUNGSTERS have been able to travel back in time while taking part in craft activities.

Staff at Worcestershire County Museum, based at Hartlebury Castle, are running a series of events throughout August, which see young visitors given the chance to delve through history to learn about the Romans, the Tudors and the Victorians.

Julie Smith, learning resource assistant at the museum, said: "We are doing various craft activities to tie in with each era of history."

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Christina Perri

Moves Like Jagger  
Maroon 5  
ft Christina Aguilera

Best Thing I Never Had  
Beyonce

## Just go easy on the vertebrae, Helga...

YOU may have noticed I'm not on the wireless...well, you might've done.

As we speak I'm at a health spa getting my back cracked in a hundred different ways by a 35-stone German called Helga...I'm having a brilliant time!

If I had my way we'd be in Disneyland but Rosie insists I need to relax.

Apparently I got out of bed the other day and she thought the floorboards had broken - turns out it was the noises my bones were making!

Hope you're being nice to the legendary Stuart Hickman whilst I'm being made a new man.

Lots of things happening across north Worcestershire, as ever.

Would you like to improve your relationship with your child? If the answer is yes and you have a child at primary school in The Wyre's area, get in touch with the

Wyre Forest and Hagley Project to find out more about their groups for parents and carers, all of which are free of charge.

To find out where your nearest group is taking place, call Kidderminster 744657.

Due to popular demand Spec-savers in the Swan Centre, Kidderminster is starting its book sale again this year.

Any old, unwanted books will be received gratefully.

All money raised from the sale of these books will go to help and support the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital Children's Ward.

The book store is situated at the back of the shop.

Right, I'm off for round two with Helga.

After that, something about putting mud on my head to ease stress...still trying to find the bar in this place.

Anyway, speak next week - LOVE YOU!

If you need to contact 107.2 The Wyre or have a community announcement, email [info@thewyre.com](mailto:info@thewyre.com)

### WEATHER UPDATE

THE weather is gradually taking a turn for the better.

There will still be the odd shower heading for the weekend, but bright skies should be the order of the day most of the time. Temperatures should be around average for August.

However, the rain should gradually hold sway over the weekend and the unsettled conditions look likely to prevail as we move into next week.



## DANI WOZENCROFT FROM WYRE NEWS WITH THE LATEST ROADWORKS

Bringing travel updates to keep you moving ...

### Kidderminster

Offmore Road has temporary traffic lights at the East Street and Lesswell Street junctions on August 20 and 21.

### Bewdley

B4195 Stourport road has temporary traffic lights opposite Bewdley Middle School until August 19.

### Stourport

Severn Road has temporary traffic lights at the Lichfield Street junction until August 26.

Windermere Road has temporary traffic lights until September 7.

Wilden Lane has temporary traffic lights from the industrial estate to 100m north of Marsh Farm until October 2.

A451 Vale Road nearside lane closed near Mitton Street until February 28, 2012.

### Bliss Gate

Bliss Gate Road has temporary traffic lights opposite Oak Cottage until August 20.

### Arley

Lowe Lane closed from Lion Lane for 1,020 metres north until tomorrow (August 19).

### Stourbridge

Foster Street East closed between St John's Road and Mount Street until December 5.

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Stourport Boat Club make their way to the water ready to take part in the Regatta at Stourport-on-Severn



Crowds enjoy the sunshine while watching the action on the water

# It's oarsome as visitors flock to see the regatta



Assistance after a suspected heart attack



A crew out on the water at the regatta

HUNDREDS of people lined the banks of the River Severn as rowers took to the water for the annual Stourport regatta.

The two-day event at the weekend brought more than 1,200 competitors to the Wyre Forest from across the country.

People took up positions overlooking the river on the town's bridge and on both river banks to get the best vantage point to see the action.

Rowers aged from 11 to 80 took part in a series of races in different categories in front of Stourport Boat Club's Boathouse.

One rowing boat capsized prior to a race, throwing two girls from Trentham Boat Club into the river. They were brought back

to the shore in a rescue boat, shocked but unhurt.

Club captain Andy Morris said the event had been the perfect opportunity for people to see an Olympic sport at close quarters.

"I don't think there is a better way for people to get to see a sport which will feature heavily for this country at London 2012," he said.

## Disco

"It is a long competition spread over both days. The number of entries is about on par with what we have seen in previous years."

"It is a good day for all the family because even though we can be racing from 9am to 6pm we have people camp overnight and there is a disco on the Saturday night at the clubhouse."



Two girls from Trentham Boat Club are rescued after they capsized

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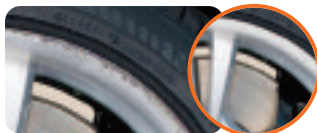
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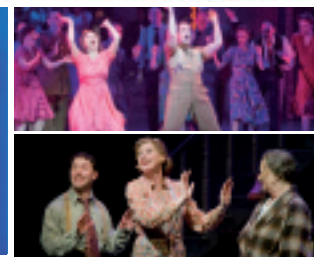
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Rejected by the town for being nobodies, Gilbert and his social climbing wife Joyce resolve to steal the pig – but will it save Betty's bacon? Sarah Lancashire and Reece Shearsmith lead a marvellous cast including Olivier Award winners Adrian Scarborough and David Bamber and, of course, Betty as herself.

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# Stately home for the birds in line for awards

A REMARKABLE project carried out by a Brierley Hill firm to restore one of the UK's finest and largest remaining Georgian dovecotes is in line to win a hat-trick of awards.

The Georgian dovecote at Grade I-listed Chillington Hall near Brewood in South Staffordshire was once home to 1,500 birds, kept for their meat, feathers and dung, which was used to make fertiliser.

The unusual octagonal building, dating from the 1730s, had fallen into serious disrepair. Now it has been skillfully restored in a way that has attracted praise from heritage experts.

The project was led by architects Horsley Huber, in Stafford, and principal contractor Miller Heritage, based in Brierley Hill.

This year, the dovecote restoration won a South Staffordshire Council Conservation and Design Award. It has now been shortlisted for the Southern Staffordshire Design Awards and the prestigious national Wood Award, sponsored by the Timber Research and Development Association. It was also commended by The Georgian Group in its 2010 Architectural Awards.

Mike Stevenson, contracts director at Miller Heritage, said: "We are very pleased with the recognition this project has received. It's a reflection of the craftsmanship and dedication of our staff and sub-contractors."

"Our expertise has been developed over decades and all these techniques, including roofing, brickwork and flooring, have been tested to the full in our work at Chillington Hall. It's been very rewarding."

Miller Heritage used centuries-old traditional

techniques and English oak to create a new roof for the dovecote. The structure, weighing two tonnes, was put into position by crane in April 2010. Much of the joinery was done by sub-contractor Adrian Evans.

Architect Ronnie Cruwys, from Horsley Huber, said: "The dovecote is one of the most important buildings of its kind in the UK. Restoring it has been a key step in our work at Chillington Hall over eight years. The level of craftsmanship has been outstanding."

"The Wood Awards are the Oscars of joinery and wood conservation. The award organisers told us they had a record 348 entries this year and the quality of work submitted has been exceptionally high, so to be shortlisted is an achievement in itself."

The dovecote now forms part of a working farm and education centre.



Mike Stevenson, contracts director for Miller Heritage



The restored dovecote at Chillington Hall

## Pressure off after a blitz on bedsores

THE NUMBER of patients with pressure ulcers at hospitals in a Black Country borough has dropped by nearly half, new figures reveal.

Bosses in Dudley changed their approach to the problem in February. They have been training members of staff in an attempt to cut down on the number of cases.

The number of patients developing the most serious ulcers which take the longest to heal has also dropped by 37 per cent, from 35 between January and March, to 22 in the last three months.

Since February, 85 per cent of staff at Russells Hall, the Corbett and Guest hospitals have been through training in preventing and managing pressure ulcers. Patients are checked every two hours and repositioned.

Nurses have also been taught about equipment that can be used to help relieve pressure on patients.

The NHS Trust also ran a campaign called "We Love Your Skin", which involved the six directors modelling parts of the body prone to pressure ulcers for posters displayed around the hospital.

### Tremendous

Director of nursing Denise McMahon said the number of ulcers detected in January was high as patients were checked more regularly.

She said: "This reduction is tremendous news for our patients and pays tribute to the staff who have worked so hard to manage and treat pressure ulcers."

"When we brought in the new systems of checking pressure ulcers in January, we expected to see a rise in the numbers of pressure ulcers."

"Now that reporting is robust, and pressure ulcer management is in every ward with every nurse, we are seeing the kinds of reductions we had hoped for."

Michelle Jinks, acting lead nurse on ward B4, said: "It's fantastic to see all of our hard work paying off."

## Green Apple proves sweet

A KIDDERMINSTER firm has won a Green Apple environmental award in a national campaign to find Britain's greenest companies, councils and communities.

Ross Environmental Products Ltd competed against more than 500 other nominations.

The firm, of Cursley Lane, Shenstone will be presented with its award at the House of Commons on November 14.

The success has led to an invitation to Ross to have its winning paper published in The Green Book, the international reference work on environmental best practice.

### Judges

The company will also be considered to represent Britain in the European Business Awards for the Environment.

The Green Apple awards began in 1994 and are organised by The Green Organisation, an independent non-profit group dedicated to promoting best practice with the environment.

Judges are drawn from the Environment Agency, the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health, the Chartered Institution for Wastes Management and other bodies.

Nominations can be made for next year's awards by calling 01604 810507.

## Business flooded by vandals

A BUSINESS was flooded after vandals opened a valve at The Fens Pool nature reserve in Pensnett last Thursday night. Water flowed from one pool to another and flooded The Shed Shop adjoining the reserve. Piles of timber stock were damaged and the owner, who did not wish to be named, said: "It's total vandalism."

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## Tesco to bring in 200 jobs

MORE than 200 jobs will be created when a controversial supermarket opens its doors in Stourport next year.

Work is to start on the new Tesco, at the former Carpets of Worth site in Stourport, later this year with the store scheduled to open in summer 2012.

Officials said 200 positions would be created initially with the final total possibly higher.

The aim is for the posts to be filled by people from the Stourport area plus Kidderminster and Bewdley.

Recruitment will begin closer to the proposed opening date and when construction is further advanced.

## Hall sold to hotel empire for £3m

A LUXURY hall at Chaddesley Corbett has been sold for £3million to a leading hotel empire.

Brockencote Hall, a Victorian mansion, has been sold to the Eden Hotel Collection, run by Sir Peter Rigby.

Its owners husband and wife Joseph and Alison Petitjean have run the hall for 25 years and invested £1.5m into the 17-bedroom hall after buying it for £600,000 in December 1985.

The hall, set in 70 acres of parkland, will now get a £1m refurbishment.

It has a reputation for luxury and fine dining and the Eden Hotel Collection may aim for Michelin star status.

Sir Peter Rigby already owns four other high-class hotels and it is planned to keep Brockencote Hall open during the refurbishment which is due to start in autumn. It is hoped to transform the site into a mini-country estate.



Brockencote Hall has a reputation for luxury and fine dining

Carpets site to open in 2012  
Work is poised to begin on new museum

WORK to transform a historic carpet mill into a major tourist attraction for Kidderminster will begin later this month, a trust has confirmed.

Kidderminster Carpet Museum Trust has been developing plans for the site for years.

The aim is to create an attraction which could rival Dudley's Black Country Museum.

The museum will include artefacts from the town's carpet-making heritage and displays detailing the industry's history and its importance.

Work on the site is expected to take until next April to complete.

Outfitters will then move into the building and install exhibits.

An opening date of October 2012 has been scheduled.

The attraction is expected to bring thousands of visitors into Kidderminster each year.

Trust secretary Charles Talbot said: "A developer has not yet been appointed but we are now very close to doing so."

## Physical

"Once this has been done we expect the work to begin very quickly."

"We expect the work to begin later this month as planned."

"In projects of this kind a lot of things have to be done before the physical construction work can start," he added.

"Everything is proceeding as planned at the moment."

Refurbishment work on the front of the mill, which dates back to 1855 and is Grade II listed, has already been carried out.

Supermarket giant Morrisons, which owns the mill, spent £500,000 on the work years ago.

However, the site has since been hit by vandalism and anti-social behaviour.

Kidderminster Carpet Museum Trust has leased the building from Morrisons for 50 years.

## Beat that with the samba rhythm

RESIDENTS can get some rhythm when the Bishops Wood Centre hosts a samba drumming workshop.

Severn Valley Samba, a community band which formed in 2009 and has been spreading the samba groove ever since, is hosting the diverse event.

On Sunday, September 18 the band takes its expertise to the Bishops Wood centre at Stourport.

Those taking part can gain knowledge of samba drumming, construct their own samba shaker, make and wear an eclectic samba headdress and learn some simple enjoyable Samba moves.

After the session, which runs from 2-4pm, people are invited to participate in an exciting grand finale performance alongside Severn Valley Samba.

## Carnivals

Head of centre John Rhymer said: "Severn Valley Samba is a local community band with members aged between seven and 70."

"They rehearse regularly at Bishops Wood and have performed here several times as well as at many local carnivals and other events."

"This workshop is an opportunity to learn to drum, make your own samba instruments and even learn to dance Samba. No musical experience – or even talent! – is required to enjoy this session."

Adult tickets cost £4 and children's £2.

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## Now you can get a tweet from council

RESIDENTS can now follow Wyre Forest District Council on Facebook and Twitter.

The council recently set up the accounts to help communication with residents.

And in July it topped the social media reputation index for councils.

The index is provided by CouncilMonitor, which trawls the Internet 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

CouncilMonitor praises the way Wyre Forest District Council's website and social media sites are run. The report says:

"Wyre Forest District Council have small but well managed Facebook and Twitter accounts."

"Their website is unusual compared to our other top performers as it does not promote their social media heavily. However it is a very

informative, organised site and shows that their focus on informing customers on the web is a priority."

Customer services manager Lucy Wright said: "We are delighted to come top of the index in July, but we know we've got a lot of work to do to increase our social media presence."

"It is good to know that what we are doing is being well received."

Councillor Tracey Onslow, cabinet member with responsibility for community wellbeing said: "Going online is an excellent way to get information about our services."

The website is [www.wyre-forest.gov.uk](http://www.wyre-forest.gov.uk)

Residents can 'like' the council's page on Facebook (Wyre Forest District Council) or follow the authority on Twitter (@wyreforestdc)



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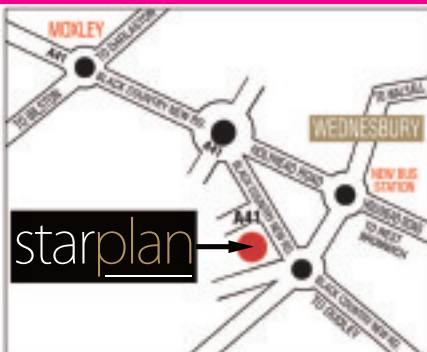
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## Great aircraft – from the inside

MEMBERS of the public have a chance to take a close look at the controls of celebrated aircraft.

The Royal Air Force Museum Cosford will be opening its doors for a special evening event on Saturday, September 17.

During "Open Cockpits Evening", a selection of historic aircraft and cockpits will be available for close viewing for a limited number of visitors, allowing rare inside access to some of the world's most fascinating aircraft.

Cockpits on view may include the MH-53 combat search and rescue helicopter, as used by the United States Air Force; the Jaguar ACT demonstrator, a ground attack aircraft modified to demonstrate fly-by-wire technology and a Gnat T1 previously used by the Red Arrows team.

A highlight will be the opportunity to see inside the famous TSR2 a twin



Visitor John Eden in a Buccaneer at the last Open Cockpits Evening

engined tactical strike reconnaissance prototype, and to examine how pilots operated the unique Meteor F8 prone position, whilst flying lying down.

Other aircraft accessible to the public on this evening will include the York, Hastings and Twin Pioneer.

Museum events executive Nina Mitchell said: "After the success of the

first Open Cockpits Evening held in May this year, we hope to make this an annual event.

"Access inside the aircraft is something we are not able to do all the time. By opening them up to a limited number of visitors for this event, we are able to offer them quality time inside the aircraft, with our team of volunteers available to answer any questions."

Fourteen aircraft will be available for close viewing and visitors will have exclusive access to the museum which contains more than 70 aircraft on display and the award winning National Cold War Exhibition.

It runs from 6-8.30pm with numbers limited to 300 people. Admission is by advance ticket only, costing £10 and now on sale at the museum. Details on 01902 376200 or visit [www.rafmuseum.org](http://www.rafmuseum.org)

## Call for posts to keep out the travellers

### Calendar of fun at the museum

THERE'S fun for all the family at Hartlebury Castle during the rest of the school holiday.

The County Museum has a calendar of fun for the rest of the month.

Activities take place every Tuesday to Friday (10.30am-4.30pm) and each week will have a different historical theme running from dinosaurs right up to World War Two.

Activities in one week include Tudor masks, plague pouches, quill pens and Samuel Pepys workshops.

The following week features Victorian scrapbooks, greetings cards, make a gas mask and parachute toys. The cost is £1 per child for a day's worth of activities after the normal admission fee.

The summer season will also include a celebratory family fun day on Bank Holiday Monday (August 29) and a selection of the summer activities on the following two days.

### Endless

The museum features 1,000 years of history including a special exhibition on wartime Worcestershire.

Visitor experience manager Rachel Robinson said: "School holidays can seem endless and it can start getting really expensive keeping the kids entertained."

"But a visit to the County Museum is affordable fun for the whole family."

"In between activities, you can take advantage of our excellent café facilities or simply bring your own picnic lunch to enjoy in our fabulous grounds."

"Each week has a different historical theme, so families can visit more than once and be assured of finding new activities."

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A COUNCILLOR is calling for action to be taken to stop travellers pitching up in a Midland town.

Kidderminster Councillor John Aston wants eight posts installed at an access road leading up to fields in Turnstone Road.

A group of travellers stayed on a field in nearby Heronswood Road for a week in June – and Mr Aston says the Turnstone Road area is also a "prime site".

He claims to have spotted travellers "weighing it up" as a potential pitching spot. Mr Aston said the council should install wooden stumps near the border of the field to prevent vehicles getting on.

He said: "I'm trying to get some stumps installed where travellers would be able to gain access to the farmer's field and the back of properties."

### Repeat

"I have seen a couple of travellers walking up to the site, weighing it up," he added. "They were looking at where they could go. It's waiting for the inevitable to happen. We don't want a repeat of what happened before."

Worcestershire County Council Paul Whittaker said the council is investigating the issue and looking at the councillor's suggestion.

He said: "We are aware of the request for posts to be installed near Turnstone Road and we will look into this."

### Lottery backs health support

YOUNG people dealing with mental health issues will get more support and advice as the Big Lottery Fund is backing a counselling projects in Worcestershire.

Young people aged 11 to 25 who are suffering from a range of problems such as depression, anxiety, abuse and self-harm, as well as those struggling to cope with everyday life, will all benefit. The money comes from BIG's Reaching Communities programme.

CLD Youth Counselling Charitable Trust receives £119,096 to provide therapies and support. Drop-in clinic sessions will be provided in Worcester, Tenbury and Martley.

### Hundreds gather at 157th flower show



Diane Chater with floral art. Picture: Colin Hill

HUNDREDS of visitors turned out to this year's Bewdley and District Horticultural show.

The 157th annual flower, vegetable and floral art extravaganza, was held last Saturday (August 13) at St George's Hall.

With more than 100 exhibits on show guests flocked to indulge in the home-grown produce and array of stalls.

Diane Chater, of the society, said: "We had a cracking show. There was a lovely atmosphere, fantastic array of entries, great weather and above all loads of visitors."

"The displays were also of a very high standard considering the weather we have had so far this year. We really couldn't have asked for a better show," she added.

There were 14 prize winners from the event, which was officially opened by the Mayor of Bewdley Dr Jan Adams.

## Roll up, roll up for circus fun at the library

CHILDREN can roll up, roll up and experience the excitement of the circus – at Stourport Library.

Children's entertainer Colin Adamson, known to his fans as Crazy Colin, is holding his Circus Stars Magic Reading Show at the Worcester Street venue.

It is part of the county's 2011 Circus Stars summer reading challenge.

A magical entertainment show with an educational theme, it offers children aged 4-11, a fun morning out.

It is ideal for those children already involved in the challenge but can be enjoyed by all children, parents and

carers. The show will be on Friday, September 2, from 10-10.45am.

Library Manager Maureen Hobbs said: "We are keen to get more young people involved in our library."

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## Grounding any China crisis

RESIDENTS in north Worcestershire have been asked to think carefully about using Chinese flying lanterns at weddings, parties and other events.

There have been reports of fuel cells in the lanterns causing fires in rural areas, particularly when hot weather has made crops tinder-dry.

There is also a concern about the welfare of farm animals, as they could eat the wire frames in the lanterns.

Councillor Ron Davis, Wychnavon executive board member for commu-

nity, personal health and welfare, said: "We don't want to be killjoys, we're simply asking people to think carefully before launching flying lanterns."

"They can go up for a mile, and you can't control the course they take."

"They can cause fires and they can harm or even kill wildlife – if an animal tries to eat the lantern when it lands or if animals are caught in a fire started by a lantern."

"So it's important that you consider whether the location of your party or

event is really the right place to be doing this."

Flying lanterns have become popular in the UK. They are made of paper supported by a wire frame which supports a solid fuel cell.

Residents are asked to take particular care if they are releasing flying lanterns near areas with standing crops; buildings with thatched roofs; areas of dense woodland or areas of heath or bracken, especially in dry conditions.

## Trust tells how to restore the heath to health

LOCAL residents can get the inside track on management of their local nature reserve.

Worcestershire Wildlife Trust and Wyre Forest District Council are holding a series of meetings later this month.

Staff from the organisations will be talking about the heathland restoration work taking place on the Rifle Range reserve, Kidderminster and The Devil's Spittleful reserve between Kidderminster and Bewdley.

Andy Harris, conservation officer for the Trust, said: "These two nature reserves make up one of the largest areas of heath left in the county."

### Feedback call over cuts to service

CHILDREN and young people in the Wyre Forest are being urged to give their feedback on plans to cut youth services.

Worcestershire County Council wants reactions by September 30, 2011.

Youth services – also known as positive activities – are those which have an impact on health, social and educational wellbeing.

They are being reviewed as part of a council programme called Bold, with the aim of saving between £60million and £70m over the next four years.

The council is consulting on a proposal that would save £1.4m over three years. It would stop delivering a traditional youth service by 2014.

### Need

From April 2012, arrangements could be made with local groups called Local Children's Partnerships (LCPs) which would commission services to meet local need.

The council is also asking for views on how funding should be allocated across Worcestershire and whether youth services should be targeted at those young people most in need.

Residents can also have their say on whether money should be discounted to the Voluntary and Community Sector to enable local groups to get off the ground.

An online questionnaire is available at [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/haveyour-say](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/haveyour-say) or paper copies of the survey can be had from youth centres, libraries and Worcestershire Hubs.

"Over the last 200 years, we've lost 90 per cent of Worcestershire's heathland. "We're working with the district council, Safari Park and other landowners to conserve and improve the habitat that remains."

"We're also beginning a long-term process of re-creating heathland on our adjacent Blackstone Farm reserve."

As part of the restoration of the heath, the trust and district council are due to start removing young woodland that has sprung up during the last 30 years. This mainly consists of young birch trees that have self-seeded.

Not only do the trees begin to shade out the ground flora but the fallen leaves make it almost impossible for heather and other acid grassland plants to grow.

### Counter

"We're holding the meetings to help residents and people who walk on the reserves understand why we're doing this work," added Mr Harris.

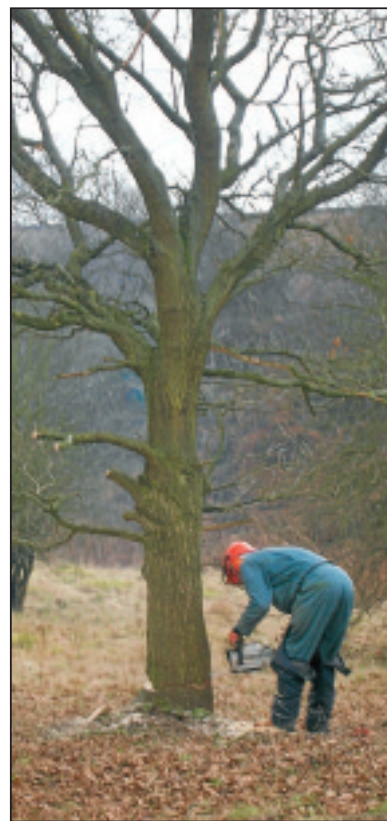
"Although it seems that felling trees is counter to nature conservation, it's absolutely essential if we want to continue improving this heathland habitat."

"The meetings will also give people a chance to hear about how we're ensuring the survival of important individual and groups of trees – and how we come to make these decisions."

"We've already been talking to the local community and are taking into account requests to hear particular groups of trees."

The meetings are on Monday, August 22 at Stourport Civic Centre; Tuesday, August 23 at Kidderminster Town Hall and Thursday, August 25 in the restaurant (room B) at the Black Boy Hotel in Bewdley. All start at 7pm.

For further information, call Andy Harris on 01905 754919 or Paul Allen at Wyre Forest District Council on 01562 732971.



Tree felling on heathland

## Pensioner badly hurt as two cars collide

A PENSIONER is in hospital with internal injuries after a two-car smash in Kidderminster.

The 73-year-old man is "stable" in the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham after the accident on Sunday.

He was driving a black Vauxhall Agila on the A442 Bridgnorth Road, outside Honeybrook Stud, towards Kidderminster at 8.05am.

His car was in collision with a blue Renault Clio driven by an 18-year-old woman from Kidderminster, which was travelling towards Bridgnorth.

She sustained minor bruises and was released after treatment at the Worcestershire Royal Hospital in Worcester. A male passenger in the Clio sustained injuries to his thumb and shoulder and was also released after treatment.

Witnesses or anyone with information are asked to contact Pc Lee Baker on 0300 333 3000.

## Will power bid to boost sight charity

A KIDDERMINSTER law firm is to offer a month-long charity will-writing service.

Throughout September, lawyers at MFG Solicitors will offer local residents the chance to write a will at a special discounted rate of £50. All money raised will go to Kidderminster-based charity Sight Concern which provides support and information to around 3,000 visually impaired people in the county.

MFG will also extend the opening

hours at its new Birmingham Road headquarters, Adam House, from 8am until 6pm throughout September to encourage take-up.

Valerie Robinson, from MFG Solicitors, said: "It not only gives the opportunity to raise money for one of Kidderminster's great charities, but it also enables us to spread the word that people must plan carefully for the future."

"Sight Concern's Kidderminster branch is run solely by a group of ded-

icated volunteers. They do a selfless job encouraging people, advising them and importantly, giving them the confidence and tools to carry on with their daily lives."

"The charity is currently reaching only one in four visually impaired people. They are desperate to reach as many as possible."

"Sight Concern is a charity steeped in the area's history since the 1930s. We hope we can do them proud."

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A dark-haired Tracie Andrews shopping at the weekend



Andrews as she looked in 1996 at a news conference

## Killer Andrews released after 14 years in prison

TRACIE ANDREWS, who murdered her fiancé in a Worcestershire country lane, has been released from prison after serving 14 years of a life term.

Andrews, now aged 41, was released from Askham Grange Prison, in York, on Friday.

The former hairdresser and model stabbed Lee Harvey 37 times with a penknife in Coopers Hill, Alvechurch in December, 1996.

She claimed 25-year-old Mr Harvey had been murdered by a "staring fat-eyed man" in a road rage attack.

Andrews has dyed her blond hair

dark and had thousands of pounds of plastic surgery prior to her release.

She has also changed her name to Tia Carter. She has allegedly been seen out shopping with friends in the home counties after she was found a place at a hostel.

It is reported that Andrews would not be allowed within a 25-mile radius of the Birmingham home of Mr Harvey's devastated parents Maureen and Ray.

### Daughter

But she could be allowed to see her daughter 20-year-old Karla, a waitress, who lives in Walsall.

Mr Harvey's mother Maureen, 65, said recently that she goes to her son's

grave every week.

She said previously: "She's ruined our lives. We're the ones serving a life sentence." Andrews was jailed for life for the attack with a recommendation that she serve at least 14 years.

Following the killing, Andrews gave a police press conference holding Mrs Harvey's hand throughout as she made an appeal to trace his killer.

But days later she was arrested by police on suspicion of his murder.

The couple had been drinking in the Marlbrook pub, near Bromsgrove, before making the fateful journey home.

Andrews has previously been allowed out on day trips to help her adjust to life after prison.

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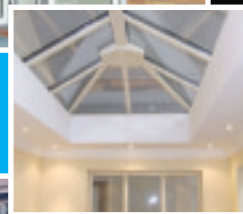
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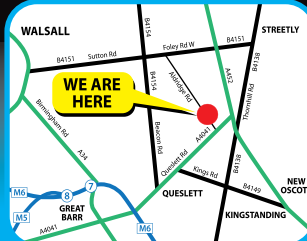
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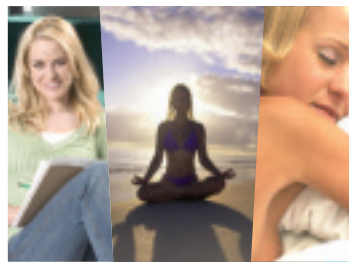


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## Stephen Bates

**S**ince graduating from the University of Newcastle upon Tyne in June 2005, I completed my vocational training year and a further year working as an Associate in a mixed NHS and private practice in the North East.

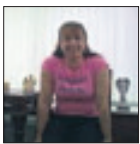
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My time in Australia was not only successful in terms of my career, it enabled me to travel, learn to surf and enjoy numerous outdoor sports, which made for an idyllic work-life balance. Having returned to the UK earlier this year, I am now settling into life back home and looking forward to building a rapport with my patients at Comberton Dental Surgery.

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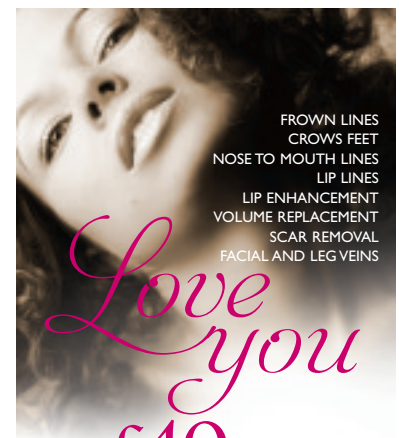
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It has grown in size and scope, having assumed responsibility for collections made by Dudley Museum and Art Gallery and having taken over the buildings and

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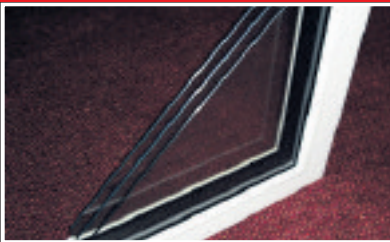




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# Voice of Mac is back

## Stevie Nicks - In Your Dreams

One of the most distinctive voices in rock, Nicks' nasal vibrato is a key element in the supergroup Fleetwood Mac but her solo career - with the exception of Rooms On Fire - has seldom matched her promise.

However, new collaborator guitarist and former Eurythmic-turned-producer Dave Stewart has coaxed a fine performance from the 63-year-old hippy rock chick. He provides the music to her lyrics, some autobiographical in a Mac-like way. Their duet *Cheaper Than Free* is one of the best tracks.

There is a country influence on the soft rock balladry, an avenue that could be further explored. Tribute New Orleans is well-intentioned but bland. The stark, folk-like *Soldier's Angel* is more effective. Highlights include the Californian pop of *In Your Dreams*, slow-burning sexy rocker *Wide Sargasso Sea* and the Kirsty MacColl-like bonus track *My Heart*.

Mac completists should note her bandmates Lindsey Buckingham and Mick Fleetwood contribute too.

Leon Burakowski

## Foster The People - Torches

Indie-pop band Foster The People made a major splash with their single *Pumped Up Kicks* and their album offers more of the same light, indie fun with *Helena Beats and Waste*. The album is a definite listen for fans of MGMT and Black Kids but as the album progresses it moves towards lo-fi dance with *Life on the Nickel* and *Miss You*.

While the album is a summery, feel-good effort, it is hard to not stick sticking your lips at the prospect of what Foster The People could deliver on their 'difficult second album.' This is an excellent debut and a superb foundation to build on.

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## NEW ALBUMS



Stevie Nicks - her new album is a collaboration with Dave Stewart, formerly of The Eurythmics

## Peggy Sue - Acrobats

The second outing from Brighton-based indie-folk trio is a typically brooding affair. Out My Teeth sets the scene perfectly but there are more grinding riffs and it twists from the XX to early Yeah Yeah Yeah's - an intriguing mix. By the time closers *Shadows* and *There Always Was* echo from the speakers there's a feeling of reaching the end of a journey, with *Parking Meter* Blues and Boxes highlights along the way.

## Japanese Voyeurs - Yolk

Classed as alternative metal but throughout *Yolk* there are glints of all types of music, from grunge to pop, indie to metal, it's all in there.

Emmy The Great's second effort is as haunting as it is beautiful. It opens with the strangely titled *Dinosaur Sex*, but don't let that fool you, within minutes of listening it fills you with warmth as its strings wrap around you.

The rest of the album fails

to live up to it, with *Iris* and *Cassandra* coming closest. As the pace picks up, the lyrics become more prominent. With hints of Laura Marling, the lyrics are the stand out aspect of this album, you may not be whistling the tunes but you will definitely be mulling over the meanings of each song.

## Kitty, Daisy and Lewis - Smoking In Heaven

A joy of a summer album. Straight from the off, a mixture of reggae and soul means you can almost feel the warmth of the sun.

Don't Make A Fool Of Me shows the rockabilly influences while *Baby Don't You Know About Me* explains why Amy Winehouse was a fan.

The schizophrenic effects of such a broad range of influences begins to take its toll, especially on *What Quid?*, a seven minute jazz instrumental. The late Amy Winehouse's influence is wholly apparent throughout.

## S.C.U.M. - Again Into Eyes

Art-rock quintet S.C.U.M. have a mysterious, well-crafted sound. Thomas Cohen's vocals recall David Bowie and Interpol while electronic beats and crunching riffs provide the backdrop for this stunning debut. There are some truly euphoric moments hidden among the 10 tracks, most notably on *Days Untrue*. Lead single *Amber Hands* unveils a murkier underbelly to the album while *Paris* provides a heartfelt ballad.

## Big Deal - Lights Out

The latest boy/girl duo to unleash melodic indie-pop, Big Deal look set to make the niche their own. With a stripped back sound, beautiful double-edged vocals and brooding lyrics, *Alice Costelloe* and *KC Underwood* are a fresh sound. The chemistry between the pair is apparent on *Chair and Sworn*, while *Homework* is as pretty as it is stark.

Jon Pritchard

## thechronicle TECHNOLOGY

# Get the cool DJ look with these candy-coloured cans

**R**ADIOPAQ Duo headphones offer a stylish set of cans for £19.99, easily as fashionable looking as phones more than twice the price thanks to a metal-look finish and the plush feel of the leather-look cushions.

The plastic phones cover your ears and also have a padded adjustable headband. Each cup is able to be tilted, swivelled and folded flat. That gives them a cool DJ look and, as with most DJ headphones, sound-wise they're a little heavy on the bass. A gold-plated 3.5mm connector provides optimal sound transfer from your source.

But this is a budget set of headphones, so provided you are not expecting super quality sound and are happy with just a decent, good-looking pair of cans, then these will do nicely. They also come in a nice range of four vibrant colours, high gloss copper, candy green, candy purple and metallic silver, plus good old fashioned black.

The Duo are available in store at Carphone Warehouse, ASDA, Argos, WHSmith and online at the www.radiopagproducts.com website.



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# Device to combat pain



## PAINFREE is a rechargeable, totally portable gadget to deal with aches and pains.

Unlike a Tens machine which works by electrical nerve stimulation, this lightweight and sleek oval device uses electromagnetic technology which makes Snowden say is clinically-proven. Apparently this drug-free pain solution works by pulsing electromagnetic fields.

I was a little sceptical but it did have an instant impact on my back pain, reducing discomfort when placed near the area that hurt. However, the pain quickly returned after the device was moved away.

Used for longer periods the therapeutic effect works by releasing endorphins and serotonin to help the problem area, say Snowden.

## Lanyard

They claim it works as long as it is within 12 inches of the body, so some users choose to wear in on a lanyard around their neck and Snowden say it can give relief in more than one area at once. It has high and low settings.

I did not use the device for long enough to give an opinion on this but using it for short periods I could feel some relief, though the device was certainly not as effective for me as prescribed painkillers. However, those determined to take a drug-free approach to fighting pain and who are prepared to pay £85.95 for the Painfree device, can find out more at www.snowdenhealthcare.com or by calling 08700 771 772.

Painfree - an electromagnetic device for combat pain

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It's rumoured injured Jessie J will perform from a chair



Tom, Nathan, Siva, Max and Jay of The Wanted who are playing at the V Festival at Weston Park this weekend

## Stars set to shine on festival stage

SELL-out extravaganza V Festival is bursting with chart topping acts as the annual event touches down in Weston Park this weekend.

More than 80 artists are lined up to perform on only four stages in just 48 hours at what promises to be the biggest and best event yet.

Top of the V bill are rap superstar Eminem and The Arctic Monkeys.

The acts couldn't be more different, and while Eminem kicks off the first of a host of UK concerts, The Arctic's guarantee to dish up a huge slice of indie vibes for rockers on day two.

Headlining the second bill is two more of the industry's biggest names, Rihanna and Plan B.

As the Barbadian R'n'B artist, who famously collaborated with Eminem, prepares for her first gig in Weston Park, Plan B is back for the second time following last year's knock out set.

Also gracing the Virgin Media stage is The Script, Manic Street Preachers, Scouting for Girls, Ellie Goulding, The Kaiser Chiefs, Lost Prophets and Bruno Mars, to name just a few.



American rapper Eminem headlines the proceedings on Saturday night

That's before you even get to the 4 Music stage, the arena stage or the undercover tent.

The star-studded weekend, which first came to Staffordshire back in 1999, has more sponsors than ever before providing a host of other attractions for

the thousands of festival goers to lap up. Campers can enter the site from 8am on Friday and day ticket holders from 12pm on Saturday and Sunday.

For more information about times, travel and what to do on arrival visit [www.vfestival.com](http://www.vfestival.com)



R'n'B singer Rihanna makes an appearance on Saturday



Arctic Monkeys will be last to play on Sunday evening



X Factor star Olly Murs will entertain festival crowds

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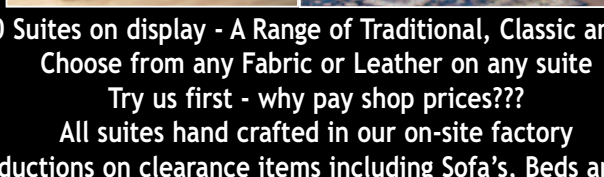
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## Friday

**EBC1** 10:00 Breakfast, 1:15 Hinz Husters, (R)  
 2:00 Home A Under the Hammer, (R)  
 2:30 BBC News, (Wend: 11:00) Weekend  
 (R) Family (R)  
 3:00 12:15 Bargain Hunt, (R) 1:00 BBC News,  
 (Wend: 1:15) Regional News, (Wend: 1:05)  
 2:00 1:15 Escape to the Country, (R)  
 2:30 1:15 The Big Bang Theory, (BBC, 5:15)  
 3:00 1:15 BBC News, (Wend: 6:30) Regional  
 News Programme, (Wend: 2:00) The One Show,  
 (Wend: 2:00) The One Show, (Wend: 2:00)  
 Entertainment, 2:30 A Question of Sport, (R) 3:00  
 1:15 Family 3:00 Minute, (R) 3:00 BBC News, 3:25  
 Regional News, (Wend: 3:00) John's News,  
 (Wend: 3:00) 11:15, (Wend: 3:00)  
 National Lottery Friday Night Draw, 11:35  
 1:15 Qued, 20:05, (Wend: 12:00) Sign Zone,  
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**TV-14** **Close.**

**12:00** **Dynasty, 3.28** Lorraine. **2:25** **The Jeannys** (Kyle Smith). (R) **10:30** **Tia** Morning. **12:30** Let's Do Lunch with Gino & Mimi. **1:30** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **1:55** **Regional** **News**; **Weather**. **2:00** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **2:25** **Dickinson's** **Pearl** **Dancer**. (R) **3:58** **Regional** **Weather**. **5:00** **Midwestern** **Murder**. (R) **5:00** **The Chimes**. (R) **6:00** **Regional** **News**; **Weather**. **6:30** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **6:55** **Regional** **News**; **Weather**. **7:00** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **7:25** **Dickinson's** **Pearl** **Dancer**. **8:30** **Conan** **Street**. **9:00** **Friand** **Sund**. **10:00** **TV** **News** at **Ten**. **Weather**. **10:30** **Regional** **News**; **Weather**. **10:55** **Regional** **News**; **Weather**. **11:00** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **11:30** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **11:55** **Regional** **News**; **Weather**. **12:00** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **12:30** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **12:55** **Regional** **News**; **Weather**. **1:00** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **1:25** **Regional** **News**; **Weather**. **1:50** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **2:00** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **2:25** **Regional** **News**; **Weather**. **2:50** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **3:00** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **3:25** **Regional** **News**; **Weather**. **3:50** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **4:00** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **4:25** **Regional** **News**; **Weather**. **4:50** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **5:00** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **5:25** **Regional** **News**; **Weather**. **5:50** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **6:00** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **6:25** **Regional** **News**; **Weather**. **6:50** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **7:00** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **7:25** **Regional** **News**; **Weather**. **7:50** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **8:00** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **8:25** **Regional** **News**; **Weather**. **8:50** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **9:00** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **9:25** **Regional** **News**; **Weather**. **9:50** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **10:00** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **10:25** **Regional** **News**; **Weather**. **10:50** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **11:00** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **11:25** **Regional** **News**; **Weather**. **11:50** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **12:00** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **12:25** **Regional** **News**; **Weather**. **12:50** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **1:00** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **1:25** **Regional** **News**; **Weather**. **1:50** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **2:00** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **2:25** **Regional** **News**; **Weather**. **2:50** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **3:00** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **3:25** **Regional** **News**; **Weather**. **3:50** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **4:00** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **4:25** **Regional** **News**; **Weather**. **4:50** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **5:00** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **5:25** **Regional** **News**; **Weather**. **5:50** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **6:00** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **6:25** **Regional** **News**; **Weather**. **6:50** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **7:00** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **7:25** **Regional** **News**; **Weather**. **7:50** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **8:00** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **8:25** **Regional** **News**; **Weather**. **8:50** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **9:00** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **9:25** **Regional** **News**; **Weather**. **9:50** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **10:00** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **10:25** **Regional** **News**; **Weather**. **10:50** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **11:00** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **11:25** **Regional** **News**; **Weather**. **11:50** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **12:00** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **12:25** **Regional** **News**; **Weather**. **12:50** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **1:00** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **1:25** **Regional** **News**; **Weather**. **1:50** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **2:00** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **2:25** **Regional** **News**; **Weather**. **2:50** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **3:00** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **3:25** **Regional** **News**; **Weather**. **3:50** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **4:00** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **4:25** **Regional** **News**; **Weather**. **4:50** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **5:00** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **5:25** **Regional** **News**; **Weather**. **5:50** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **6:00** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **6:25** **Regional** **News**; **Weather**. **6:50** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **7:00** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **7:25** **Regional** **News**; **Weather**. **7:50** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **8:00** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **8:25** **Regional** **News**; **Weather**. **8:50** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **9:00** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **9:25** **Regional** **News**; **Weather**. **9:50** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **10:00** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **10:25** **Regional** **News**; **Weather**. **10:50** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **11:00** **TV** **News**; **Weather**. **11:25** **Regional** **News**; **Weather**. **11:50** **TV**

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Night Shift Staff 11:30 The  
Night Shift Extra with Gailly Logan 22:30 S  
News Larchmont 12:15 Celebrity Big Brother 5  
11:15 Missing Mirror, R 19:5 Neighbors 2:15  
Sci: Crime Scene Investigation, R 3:15 Film: Mo  
10:30 Neighbors (1990) 11:30 The  
2:30 Neighbors, R 6:00 Neighbors Mirror  
6:25 CW: TV 700 7:30 News at 7 7:30 How Do  
They Do It, R 8:30 S News Update, 9:00 The  
S News at 9:30 9:30 S News at 10:30  
Brother: Live Edition 10:00 The Endgame, 11:05  
Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Side, 12:05  
SuperCrimo, 6:25 Motorboat Murders, 2:30 Nicki  
Bauer, R 4:55 The Family Recipe, R 5:00  
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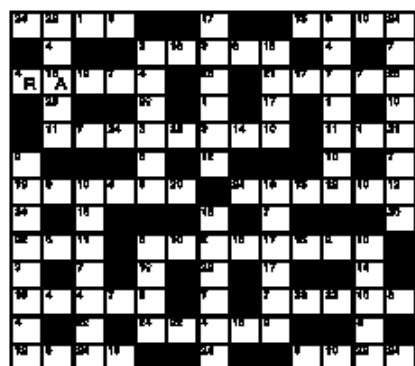
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1	14
2	15
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

## Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

## Cryptic Clues:

## Across

4. Hill split by flood (7)
5. Come to a hill (6)
9. Impressions left by the dead (7)
10. A cold or no cold, perhaps (6)
11. Relations might make a scene about one (6)
12. Maximum change for convenience (4,4)
13. Possibly the Bird's housewife's virtue (8)
14. Inexpensive animal snailers everything (6)
21. Possibly clear about one's own cake (6)
22. Here a man's will occupy a building (7)
23. Treason a deal with something final (6)
24. Wind resulting from unsettled weather (7)

## Down

1. Stays if made content (7)
2. Revolutionary type of public legislation (8,4)
3. Necessary to bring in late perhaps (8)
5. Put out, away, and finished (8)
6. Shaved signs of dizziness, so bound up? (8)
7. Low down advice to the meek and cold? (6)
13. So more important in a matter of some gravity? (8)
14. Put off by act that included a song (7)
15. A good ship across (7)
16. Prohibitionists standard? (6)
17. A holy cloth (6)
19. Means come first (6)

## Quick Clues:

## Across

4. Adage (7)
5. Harmony (6)
9. Versus (7)
10. Summary (6)
11. Stable (6)
12. Distribute (6,6)
13. Goodbye (8)
20. Slicing disgust (6)
21. Colonise (6)
22. Even now (7)
23. Carve (6)
24. Moment (7)

## Down

1. Fancy (7)
2. Generous (7)
3. Groundless (6)
5. Roll (8)
6. Concealed (8)
7. Dwell (6)
13. New and again (8,3,2)
14. Demolish (7)
15. Changed (7)
16. Liquid measure (6)
17. Agree (8)
19. Happenings (6)

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## Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.



			9			6	8
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## Triumph puts a tank in the Tiger

**By Bob Hickman**

SADLY I am of an age to remember when Triumph produced a 750cc Tiger.

At the time I borrowed one from the old Co-operative Triumph factory and competed in off-road competitions.

It was based on the good old-fashioned parallel twin engine and it did its job. It shook itself to pieces with vibration and was never the most reliable but it did win me a few pots.

When I had the opportunity to test the latest Triumph Tiger from the Hinckley factory I grabbed it with relish.

Triumph has identified a gap in the market. They saw BMW and Honda were doing very nicely with people who wanted to buy an off-road style bike without necessarily wanting to ride it that way – a bit like people who buy 4x4s but never venture off-road.

A bike that could be used for commuting, touring and semi-off-road would have appeal so the Triumph Tiger 800cc is produced as two variants. I tested the road-biased version. With its 19" cast wheels it is an all-round useable machine. Then there is the off-road version that has a 21" spoked front wheel, much longer suspension and different tyres.

### Gem

Triumph has been loyal to the three-cylinder concept and the engine fitted to the Tiger was a little gem. It was almost linear in its power production: with fuel injection, gone are the days of fiddling with chokes to get that initial start then a reliable tick-over.

It has a capacity of 799cc; and Triumph has not stifled the unique and wonderful sound of the three-cylinder with the exhaust set up.

It is said to produce 94bhp at 9,300 revs with a reasonable amount of torque at mid-range. Triumph suggests a top speed of 130mph should be achievable and the 4.2-gallon tank should give a range of about 200 miles.

The Tiger is a tall bike. I am just over six feet with long legs so for me it was perfect. The sports screen fits in front of the instrumentations and at first I thought it was a bit gimmicky, but to my amazement 70mph cruising on the motorway showed that it worked. The aerodynamic effect of hanging on to a high set of handlebars was diminished and it actually kept some of the rain off.

The bike is a very agile performer, belying the fact that it is an 800cc, and the weight distribution is perfect. Performance from the first twist of the throttle all the way through the six gears is excellent. Acceleration is very brisk, the gearbox is a

delight and very easy to use. Clutchless changes could quite easily be made up or down the box.

One aspect of the derivative I rode was that it doesn't like off-road performing. Bennetts Lane runs by the A454 near the outskirts of Wolverhampton towards Pittingham. It starts off very narrow, gets narrower with grass in the middle, then degenerates into a farm track, and the last quarter of a mile is a stream bed.

It is an education and difficult to ride. The pebbles had been polished so high, that the bike at times struggled to find grip and it was sideways as much as it was pointing forward. But it proved a point. It is possible to tackle a "green lane" but you need to concentrate and show the bike who is boss. With the tail seat configuration the smaller statured may struggle if they venture too far off-road. Having said that, it was just an exercise because Triumph is promoting this as a dual-purpose bike.

Handling on road was brilliant and the power belied how big this bike is. It was almost like riding a small 250cc and the big wide bars were a bonus in town. It is a bike Triumph should justifiably be proud of and BMW with the 800cc GS and Honda with the Transalp should be concerned.

Fuel consumption in the mid-40s is not to be scoffed at and the big fuel tank means no need to be paranoid about running out of fuel on the motorway.

My own bike is a 10-year old Pan European, so I am out of touch with what modern motor cycles now add as standard. I was surprised to find the instrumentation on the Triumph comprised a digital speedometer with a conventional analogue tach, a clock and a digital display of gear selection – useful with a six-speed gearbox. Two trip displays, as in a car, are useful too.

### Distance

It has an average speed, and fuel consumption display, a fuel gauge and, again copied from the car world, distance remaining with the amount of fuel on board. These were all easy features and the buttons were sensible and simple to operate with gloves.

Triumph expects to sell at least 7,000 of these bikes worldwide. I can't see any reason it shouldn't achieve that, because once you have ridden it you realise just how good both the bike and concept are. My only reservation is the lack of luggage space.

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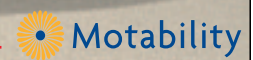
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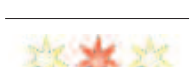
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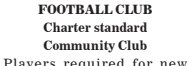


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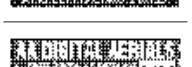
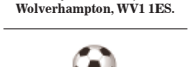
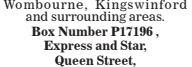


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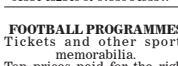
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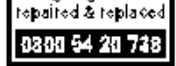
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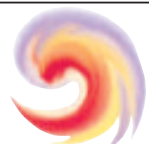
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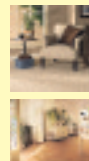
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# sport

## Godfrey's goal is a rare bright light

BEWDLEY, with a host of players unavailable due to injury, holiday or work commitments, gave a disappointing performance and lost their unbeaten start to the season.

They even had to make an emergency signing, bringing in former striker Lewis Pountney who is between clubs at the moment.

### Bewdley 1 Wolverhampton Cas 3

Bewdley fell behind as early as the fifth minute as Casuals' pacy winger Jon Aldridge latched onto a through ball and finished through a low shot that beat Darren Steadman at the near post.

Bewdley's response was

swift and they were level a minute later as Russell Godfrey finished off a lovely passage of passing football. But this was to be the only time in the game that a Bewdley managed to reproduce anything like the sort of football that was so evident in their first two games.

A lack of cohesion, understanding and determination

to maintain possession fell by the wayside.

Casuals took full advantage of this in the second half and went ahead again on 80 minutes when Bewdley failed to deal with a corner delivered to the back post.

The victory was sealed in injury time to further compound the misery for

Bewdley's players, supporters and management alike.

Bewdley have a chance to redeem themselves when they travel to Pegasus Juniors on Saturday in the FA Cup.

They return to league action at home on Tuesday night (7.45pm) when they play host to visitors Malvern Town.

# HARRIERS LOSE IN A THRILLER

Kidderminster Harriers 2 Gateshead 3

KIDDERMINSTER Harriers were beaten by a late goal from Kris Gate after an explosive start to their Blue Square Bet Premier opener against Gateshead.

The score was 2-2 after just 25 minutes with manager Steve Burr's men having battled back from being 2-0 down.

A quickfire penalty by Jon Shaw and a 19th-minute effort from Micky Cummins gave the visitors a healthy lead before Harriers swiftly drew level through goals from Nick Wright and newcomer Kyle Storer.

But Kidderminster's hopes of opening the season on a triumphant note were dashed when Gate grabbed an 80th-minute winner. "We got back into it and I thought we looked really strong, but we never managed to kick on in the second half," said a disappointed Burr, whose new-look side were due to be in action at Lincoln on Tuesday night.

Gateshead took just four minutes to go ahead when Shaw netted a coolly-taken penalty which was awarded when the referee spotted a handball by Storer in Harriers' defensive which had lined up to deal with a Chris Carruthers free-kick.

Kidderminster defender Luke Jones had a header hit the woodwork and a Marc Williams effort was cleared off the line before Gateshead made it 2-0 on 19 minutes when poor defending by the Agborough rearguard allowed the unmarked Cummins to head in an Eddie Odhiambo cross.

Harriers reduced the deficit a minute later when Williams set up the chance for Wright to move in on goal and fire home a low shot past goalkeeper Paul Farman.

### Spills

Five minutes later it was 2-2 when Storer firmly headed in a corner by Callum Gittings.

The flurry of goals made it a rip-roaring start to the new season, although the second half failed to match the kind of thrills and spills served up during the opening stages.

Harriers, however, wasted a couple of good opportunities shortly after the interval. First, Wright made a 40-yard charge upfield before lifting the ball over the bar and then James Vincent had an effort blocked by Farman.

Harriers' goalkeeper Danny Lewis pushed away a header from Shaw before Gate snatched the winner by turning in a cross shot from Yemi Odubade.

Burr, whose side had two late penalty appeals turned down, said: "After we got ourselves back into the game after going 2-0 down, I thought we looked strong enough to go on and win it. But in the second half we never really threatened their goal enough."



Nick Wright is congratulated after finding the net

## Platts the way as Stourport chase down the big target

Harvington (7pts) 266, Stourport (24pts)

267-7. Stourport won by three wickets. STOURPORT earned 24 points from this encounter but still trail second-placed Alvechurch and Hopwood by 48 points.

After electing to bat first Harvington were looking to post a huge total as openers Delpert (100) and Fisher (79) shared a stand of 187. The introduction of Andrew Platt, who took 6-71, pegged them back but they still posted a competitive 266.

In reply valuable runs from Andrew Swicki (68), Daniel Platt (66) and Christian Parry (40) helped Stourport to their victory target with eight balls to spare.

Stourport will look to build on this as they entertain Hibleton this Saturday.

Romsley (6pts) 222, Stourport (20pts)

226-5. Stourport won by five wickets

An excellent spell of bowling from Adam Selleck helped Stourport seconds to a comfortable five-wicket win at Romsley.

Batting first Romsley were restricted to 222 all out as Selleck took 7-52.

Openers Bryan Colley (64) and David Pittaway (49) gave Stourport a solid start in their reply. Tom Gloster contributed 46 to help Stourport home with nine overs remaining.

On Saturday Stourport travel to top of the table Oldswinford.

Rushwick (6pts) 185-9, Stourport (20pts)

186-7. Stourport won by three wickets

Twenty points from this match saw Stourport thirds crowned Division Eight champions.

Batting first, Rushwick were restricted to 185-9 from their 45 overs.

In reply Stourport stuttered their way to the finishing line with several batsmen making starts before getting out. Ian Delo's 42 provided the backbone of the innings.

Stourport (15pts) 315-7, Worcester

Nomads (7pts) 216-3. Draw

Lloyd Roberts (72) and Richard Foley (71) helped Stourport fourths to a mammoth 315-7 from their 45 overs. In reply Nomads were happy to bat out for the draw.

## Catches are grassed in KVCC defeat

Kidderminster Vic (5pts) 212-9, Wellington (20pts) 216-6. Wellington won by four wickets

THE old saying "catches win matches" was vividly illustrated as at least four good opportunities went to ground.

Kidderminster Victoria fielded a very young and inexperienced side, but they all did their best in defeat.

Losing the toss for the 11th time this season hardly helped, writes Brian Gittins.

Put in to bat, openers Craig Wood, standing in as captain, and Matt Layton, found runs difficult to come by.

Wood was out leg before to Bilal Shafayat for 11, but KVCC progressed to 74 before James Ralph, who hits six fours in his 34, was bowled by Shafayat.

Sixteen-year-old Zac Turley came in at number four and played some good shots for his 19 before being caught by Chris Sheperd off Simon Khomari to leave Kidderminster 108-3 after 32 overs.

Layton, not accustomed to opening at this level, survived for over two hours and hit three fours in his 41 before being pinned lbw by Shafayat.

Andy Kimberlin looked set for a big score, but on 21 spooned a simple catch to Wendell Wagner to give Shafayat his third wicket.

Teenager, Ryan Derrick, made 16 in 20 minutes including three boundaries but was caught by Wagner off Aswin Babu.

That left KVCC on 172-6 with only 11 overs left.

Chris Pyke departed for 31 (four fours), Shafayat having him leg before with the score on 192.

### Accurate

Two more teenagers in brothers Richard and Tom Kimberlin (wicket-keeper) – cousins to Andy – had contrasting fortunes. Tom Kimberlin was out first ball, lbw to the accurate Shafayat, while Richard scored 12 runs before Shafayat bowled him.

KVCC finished on a creditable 212 with Gareth Williams nine not out and Jack Hudson unbeaten on five, Shafayat taking 6-71.

Wellington lost four wickets in reaching 97 – Khomari lbw to Richard Kimberlin for a duck; Scott de Weymar caught by keeper Kimberlin off Williams for 17; the key figure of Stephen Lamb lbw to James Ralph for 48 (eight fours and a six) and Wagner caught by Tom Kimberlin off James Ralph.

Shafayat went for 26 to a third Tom Kimberlin catch, Williams the bowler and were 167-6 when Mark Downes (40, six fours) was caught by Ralph off Richard Kimberlin.

But Martin Delaney (49 not out) and Chris Sheperd (10 not out) took them to victory.

## Survival hopes are alive

Romsley and Hunnington (3pts) 115, Bewdley (20pts) 116-7. Bewdley won by three wickets

BEWDLEY took an important win to keep their survival hopes alive – but made heavy weather of reaching a moderate target.

They recalled veteran slow bowler David Jones, rightly judging that his accuracy and guile would be useful against an inexperienced Romsley team.

That proved to be the case with Romsley dismissed for just 115, Jones posting 3-18 off 12 overs. The rejuvenated Jack Mills was the main destroyer with 5-51, and Ewan Peer and Robert Crane bowled effective opening spells.

In reply, Nick Wilkinson (26) and Paul Beard (40) helped Bewdley race to 63-0 in 12 overs, but there then followed an inexplicable collapse to 106-7. However, Mills and Jonathan Elmer held their nerve and saw Bewdley home without further alarms.

Bewdley are now 21 points behind Redditch and host Oldswinford on Saturday.

Belbroughton (1pt) 143, Bewdley (24pts) 145-2. Bewdley won by eight wickets

Matters proved far more comfortable for the second team in a comprehensive eight-wicket win.

The victory over local rivals Belbroughton pushed Bewdley up to fourth place.

Belbroughton won the toss and looked to smash most deliveries out of the park, succeeding on the odd occasion but more often than not finding the fielders. All 10 wickets fell to catches.

Bewdley lost Ben Jones early on but Martin Flack (50 not out) and Simon Jones (43) continued their excellent runs of form before some lusty hitting from Simon Smith (39 not out) saw them home.

## Heat is on, but Biles seizes bronze medal

IN THE blazing heat of a Spanish summer, judo player Sarah Biles added another international medal to her growing collection with bronze at the Alicante International Open Championships.

The Samurai star defeated two top Spanish players by maximum points to reach the semi-finals before losing to a Welsh player from the British Senior Squad and settling for bronze. The Welsh player won the final comfortably.

Chris Hancock also had a good go in the competition. A squad of 10 Samurai club members made the trip, primarily for the excellent week-long training camp which follows the competition.

Despite it being a senior camp, youngsters Brendan Crummy and Frankie Marston were outstanding in both their efforts and achievement on the camp.

There's no rest for the Samurai – just three days after returning from Spain Hancock was off on another camp, this time with the England Squad.

And Biles, originally scheduled for the England camp, has just a few days to prepare for the German Open in Berlin this weekend, followed by the German training camp.

Meanwhile, another Samurai star has gained his third level black belt – on his 20th birthday. Tom Walker started judo at the age of six, the lowest age at which the Samurai will take players. He became the only British player ever to win both the British Kata Championships and British Junior Nationals.

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